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## LOT OF BUSINESS

## Many Matters Considered By the Health Board.

## LETTERS FROM THE SETTLEMENT

A Beneficial Herb—Commercial Project of Mr. Feary. Poi Scarce.

The attendance of Executive Officer Reynolds upon the Board of Health meeting yesterday afternoon had the effect of swelling the volume of transactions and adding to the importance of the session. Mr. Reynolds has just returned from the Molokai settlement. President Smith was in the chair for the meeting and Secretary Wilcox was on hand as usual. There were also present Dr. Emerson, Mr. Keliipio, Dr. Monsarrat, Dr. Oliver and Theo. F. Lansing.

Dr. Monsarrat's report was on 152 bullocks slaughtered and the usual proportion of calves, sheep and hogs. Stock is becoming more healthy.

During the past fortnight, according to Mr. Keliipio there have been handled at the market 95,273 fish.

Reports were read from Koloa and Hilo hospitals. Nothing out of the ordinary.

Dr. F. S. S. Jerome, lady graduated physician and surgeon, from France, was recommended by the Board to the Minister of Interior for a license to practice medicine and surgery in this country.

Dr. N. Russel, of Hilo, submitted a bill for attendance upon a supposed case of diphtheria. The Board will ask for further information from Hilo. Caution will be exercised before a precedent of paying other than a Government physician for services. Mr. Lansing said allowance of the claim would open up an extensive claim field.

Fifty-two people in Koloa and sixty in Lihue send a petition asking that Dr. Waughup, acting temporarily as made the permanent Government physician for the places named. Action deferred. The secretary will acknowledge receipt of the letter. Many natives are in favor of Mr. Waughup.

Three petitions advocating the appointment of Dr. F. Macmillan for Government physician in Kau were read. There were 123 signatures. Nearly all of the signers were Hawaiians. Final disposal of the petitions was postponed.

A native woman of Hookena complained to the Board of swine running at large in that place. Referred to the police department.

W. L. Wilcox notifies the Board of the scarcity of taro on account of blight and drought and of his inability to supply the contract amount of poi. Mr. Wilcox states that he has made every effort to get the vegetable. More than half the Chinese poi shops of Honolulu have closed. In Koolan, Oahu, natives are making poi largely of flour.

Mr. Wilcox suggests that all effort be made to have rice and bread used at the Molokai settlement. President Smith said Mr. John Ena had told him of the extensive use of wheat flour poi in Kona. Mr. Keliipio said taro and poi were very scarce. Dr. Monsarrat being questioned, 50 per cent. of the natives were pikia for poi. Dr. Oliver said the change to rice and flour poi during the cholera term in 1895 produced much illness for a long time.

The Board recognizes the plight of the contractor and will simply request him to furnish all the poi possible for the settlement. Mr. Wilcox will not be released entirely from the agreement to supply poi. The Board will increase the shipment of wheat flour to the settlement.

A number of people at the Molokai settlement write of herbs growing near Kalaupapa which they have used for bathing lotious with much benefit. It is represented that the field in which these herbs grow is about to be used for pasture. The natives wish the tract reserved. Dr. Oliver said the patients who had used these baths seemed to improve as under the other bathing treatments. This matter is referred to Mr. Reynolds, who will investigate and report. It is certain that the herb supply will be kept for the use of the patients.

A haole at the settlement asks for leave to make and sell sweet cider, using the following besides water. Raisins, grain, sugar and cream of tartar. This is represented as a non-intoxicant. The man says the cider will stop the "swipes business." The Board will look into the cider proposal on the next visit.

Mr. Reynolds spoke of the possibility of raising a large amount of taro near the settlement. Superintendent Feary and others desire to engage in the business and ask for a ten-year agreement, presenting a contract. Mr. Feary has made some start already. President Smith and Mr. Lansing saw much objection to Mr. Feary, as all official, conducting such a business privately and receiving for the Board,

## OVER THE SIDE

## News of Steamer Zealandia Called Out at the Wharf.

## INSURANCE RISKS ARE RAISED

War and Andree—Advices to Government—Letters to Merchants. Cartridge Factory Busy.

The first news the crowd at the wharf had from the Zealandia Wednesday was shouted over the side by Joe Puni, who, with George Kahananui, has been in San Francisco buying stock for the "Rising Sun" native store on King street. Joe called out in native that while everybody seemed to want war there had as yet been no formal declaration of hostilities, but that preparations were being made and that Americans were leaving Cuba and had been warned that trouble was likely to begin at any time. Joe's second bit of news was concerning Andree, who has been out in a balloon hunting the North Pole. There was only detail to add to these items.

At the Foreign Office Minister Cooper said that Minister Hatch's letter from Washington was of the same tenor as dispatches by the Belgic. Mr. Hatch was of the opinion that there would be war. There was nothing to the Department here from Consul-General Wilder at San Francisco or from Mr. Thurston.

In a letter to a friend here Consul-General Wilder wrote from San Francisco on the day the steamer sailed that everyone believed there would be war and that there were strong indications of the struggle beginning within a couple of days.

Advices to the mercantile houses were of the first importance. Leading news was the information that war insurance had gone from less than 1 per cent. to 3 and that there were probabilities of an advance. The rate changes daily. One San Francisco agency said to a Honolulu firm: "Our New York branch wires us this afternoon that Consul-General Lee has been ordered to leave Havana." Messages from the east were stronger in war tone than advices from the Pacific Coast. There was feverish interest in the coming message of President McKinley.

In the course of a business and social letter to E. O. Hall & Son, one of the head men of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company says: "You may expect some big news from the States very soon. All departments of all our factories are running twenty-four hours in the day. We have three shifts of eight hours each and are turning out daily tons of munitions of war."

Scores of people mentioned letters predicting that the United States and Spain will soon be at war.

## THIRD JUDGE.

Nothing Definite Decided at Bar Meeting.

Less than a dozen attorneys practicing before the Courts of Honolulu were on hand for the bar meeting held in the office of the Attorney-General at the Executive Building yesterday afternoon. Mr. W. O. Smith presided. It was stated as the object of the gathering consideration of the proposal to have a third judge for the First Circuit. It will be necessary to have another and more representative meeting of the Honolulu bar before an expression of opinion that will be received as general can be recorded.

Several suggestions were informally discussed at the meeting. The first was for another judge. Then there was advanced the proposal of having a probate judge who might also practice before the other Courts. There was objection to this on the ground that a judge should give all his time to bench duties. Several attorneys thought it might be a good idea to have a law permitting the appointment of a special temporary judge to act when a large amount of business had accumulated.

Another meeting of the bar will be called soon.

## New Extension.

R. W. Filler, representing Carl Jensen, contractor for grading the Kahuku extension for the Oahu railway, goes to Waiman, Oahu, Monday to establish the headquarters for the construction gang.

Several large buildings will be put up and will accommodate in all over 200 workmen. In less than 10 days 50 men will start on the heavy rock work on that section.

## New Health Board Member.

The term of C. A. Brown as a member of the Board of Health has expired, and President Dole is casting about for

## SEEMS IMMINENT

## Active Preparations Made to Attack Spain's Armed Forces.

## CAPT. SIGSBEE SAYS SPAIN DID IT

Consul-General Lee Has Left Havana—Friendly Powers Offer to Mediate.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—It can be stated authoritatively that, after a conference with members of the Foreign Affairs' committees of both houses, the President has decided not to send in his message until Monday next. Senator Davis of the Foreign Relations committee returned from a conference with President McKinley to the Senate chamber and asked for an executive session.

After the galleries had been cleared Senator Davis explained the reason for the delay in sending the message. He said it was due to the fact that there had been some delay in getting Consul General Lee and other Americans out of Havana, and that more time was absolutely necessary for this purpose. Hence the President did not consider it wise or humane to send in the message, which might precipitate serious trouble and endanger the lives of these people.

Mr. Davis stated that the President had sent for him for the especial purpose of asking this delay and had shown as a reason for the request a telegram from Consul General Lee saying that, if the message should be sent in before Monday, he would not be responsible for the lives of Americans in Cuba. No comment was made whatever on the Senator's communication, and after it the Senate returned to its legislative session.

## Sigsbee is Heard.

He Testifies Before a House Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 5.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs met at 10:30 this morning. Captain Sigsbee, Admiral Irwin and several experts in explosives had been summoned to give testimony regarding the blowing up of the Maine. It has developed that the House Committee on Foreign Affairs made a tentative proposition to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to meet in joint session to secure concerted action, but up to the present time the Senate committee has not accepted the invitation.

Captain Sigsbee was the first witness examined by the House committee. Captain Sigsbee stated it to be his opinion that his vessel, the Maine, was blown up by a submarine mine located by the Spanish authorities. As to whether it was fired by the Spanish authorities he declined to express an opinion. He told the committee what he had testified before the Board of Inquiry about the buoy to which the Maine was anchored being the most unfrequented buoy in the harbor. The position in which the ship was placed, he said, was such that he could have been fired upon by both forts at the same time.

## TO BE TRANSFERRED SAFELY.

Six Vessels Sent to Havana for American Citizens.

HAVANA, April 5.—The Bache and the Blake arrived this morning from Kew West to take American citizens to the United States who do not desire to remain in the island. It appears that the yellow fever prohibitions are modified in Florida only so far as Americans are concerned.

It is regarded as probable that the Olivette and also a steamer plying between Tampa and Mobile will be here tomorrow, capable of carrying away at least 2,000 people. Still, there are no outward signs of great excitement.

Consul General Lee is as cool as the proverbial cucumber. He says he has received no orders from the department as to leaving the island.

The removal of the quarantine is a great relief to many nervous people. So far as known no orders have been sent from the State Department affecting the movements of United States Consuls Brice and Barker, or other American consuls in the provincial towns.

RICHMOND, (Va.), April 5.—Consul General Lee cabled his wife today to feel no alarm concerning his safety.

## A YELLOW YARN

## Sensational Story of Flag Raising Denounced.

## Daniels From Admiral Miller and Minister Sewall—Members of Government.

A Fort street newspaper bulletin board had it last evening that the American flag was to be hoisted over the Government buildings here today by American Minister Sewall and Admiral Miller. The same statement was also published conspicuously in the paper. It was denied on the bulletin board of an evening paper on King street. The canard, which was at once called "yellow" created considerable talk. There were many expressions of censure.

When told of the story, President Dole said that it was simply an impossible yarn.

Minister Cooper promptly contradicted the rumor.

Attorney General Smith was surprised that such a thing should be published. There was no basis for it, so far as any member of the Government knew.

Harold M. Sewall, the American Minister, said of the sensation that there was nothing in it.

Said Admiral Miller: "Do you believe that?" The reply was a negative one and the Admiral continued: "Well, that is the answer to your question." Admiral Miller said the article was absurd.

Any number of responsible men who would know if the flag was to go up were exasperated that such an announcement should be made without any foundation for it. When the persons pinned down they gave as authority a prominent Customs official and a member of the crew of the Oceanic S. S. Zealandia.

## Wm. Churchill.

There was nothing more directly under the head of the reported suicide of W. Churchill by the Zealandia mail. Correspondence from Oakland, Cal., is to the effect that Mr. Churchill is very likely to be still alive and well. The gentleman was for a number of years a resident of Oakland, and is very well known to many citizens of that place.

Mr. Churchill had the reputation of being capable of doing rather eccentric things at times, and under the stress of worry and possible want, he may have concluded to make a trip and inform his Eastern friends later.

## A Note From Wray.

Wray Taylor dropped a note to a friend here by the Zealandia. In San Francisco Mr. Taylor is rapidly regaining his health and is fairly revelling in the war and other excitement. Mr. Taylor is looking up everything new in music, and will, as well while absent, secure a view into Japanese immigration to America. The Honolulu man writes that he finds the cool air of San Francisco bracing and that he hopes to be well enough to come back to home and friends by the return Zealandia.